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# Trustees keep public input in education — for now

► Outraged parents address board ahead of debate on procedure changes  
► CBE had proposed to limit stakeholder input

Don't take the public out of public education.

That comment from Calgary parent Jennifer Andrews and many others seemed to resonate with Calgary Board of Education trustees, who chose to shelve a proposal that would have, among other things, suspended parent and stakeholder input at public meetings pending further analysis to be completed by the end of February.

"The intention was never to stifle public conversation," said trustee chair Pat Cochrane, who worked on the proposal with two fellow elected representatives.

Other areas of concern included perceived limitations invoked on individual trustees bringing forward notices of motion, and new confidentiality arrangements concerning business conducted by the board.

The proposed motion to limit public engagement for the time

### Contentious motion

► Trustee Sheila Taylor, who was opposed to the contentious motion from the outset, told the board she contacted representatives with 37 other public boards ahead of Tuesday's meeting and all said they allow public input at board meetings.

being drew fresh warnings from Alberta Education Minister Thomas Lukaszuk prior to Tuesday evening's board meeting. He noted that he has power to intervene if he deems the board is not acting in the best interest of students.

"If these trustees are of the opinion that their electorate will appreciate them conducting their meetings in that fashion, they will receive their report cards two years from now," he said.

Andrews was among five members of the public to speak at Tuesday's meeting — the maximum number allowed.

Some said the CBE's current public engagement process, although flawed, is certainly not tedious. All reporting stakeholders are required to limit their presentations to three minutes and generally no more than two can address any one subject.

"If you are unwilling to sit there and allow the public to address their concerns — valid or invalid, justifiable or unjustifiable — you are doing a disservice to democracy beyond anything that I can explain to you," said speaker Lawrence Oshaneck.

But not everyone agrees.

"This is a meeting of the board of trustees that is held in public, it is not a public meeting," said trustee Joy Bowen-Eyre.

● JEREMY NOLAIS

### Cramped. Crease



► Minnesota Wild's Dany Heatley battles with the Flames' Olli Jokinen as Calgary goalie Miikka Kiprusoff follows the puck during the game last night. The Flames won the game 2-1. Story, page 24.

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## Flames edge out Wild



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# Facebook tip leads to child-porn charges

Proactive efforts by a social media giant have led to child porn charges against a Calgary man.

Investigators announced Tuesday that 58-year-old Clement John Murray will answer to accusations of accessing, possessing and distributing child pornography. It is believed Murray used Facebook and his email

account to share the images of under-aged victims.

Members of the Internet Child Exploitation unit (ICE) only became aware of Murray's alleged activities after staff working for Facebook alerted the National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre, said Sgt. Steve Lorne.

"They sent us the information, through that we

initiated the investigation and we did two search warrants, one at his residence and another at his place of business," Lorne said. "Facebook's good as far as doing their due diligence when they see images like that."

Due to the scope of material seized, Lorne said it could take months before a full picture of Murray's

## Court appearance

- ▶ Clement John Murray is out on bail and scheduled to make his first court appearance Thursday.
- ▶ The public is reminded

they can submit reports of potential child exploitation at [cybertip.ca](http://cybertip.ca).  
▶ Investigators believe Murray shared child porn material through over a six-month period.

alleged crimes is revealed. He added that this instance serves as an important reminder to parents

to educate their children on safe practices when using social media.

● JEREMY NOLAIS

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# Parking grace period extended

▶ CPA will offer valid tickets until 10 a.m. on weekend mornings only, in surface lots and parkades



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If you drink, don't drive. Leave your car in a Calgary Parking Authority (CPA) lot overnight, and you can pick it up by late the next morning at no extra charge.

Starting this weekend, the CPA is offering customers who purchase time until 6:00 a.m. in one of their lots or parkades the opportunity to extend their parking session, until 10:00 a.m., for free.

"It's a small way to support motorists to not drink and drive," said Troy McLeod of the CPA.

"Hopefully it's a campaign that will support people to make other choices and leave their vehicles with us," he said.

## Trial run

- ▶ Over the holidays CPA will monitor their lots from 6-10 a.m. in order to see how many people are leaving their vehicles.
- ▶ If the program works, it will continue into the new year, said McLeod.

"If someone's drunk, you don't want them driving, and that four hours will make a difference," said Phu Tran, who works downtown.

Tran says he thinks it's a helpful initiative, especially for young people who head downtown on the weekends.

According to McLeod, the parking plan is a trial run for the holiday season.



▶ Starting this weekend CPA is offering a four-hour grace period on Saturday and Sunday mornings in all their parkades and surface lots.



New Yorkers wishing to be buried in pet cemeteries with their furry friends get good news from the state. Scan code for story.

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# City funding will be tied to accountability, premier says

► Mayor Naheed Nenshi is lobbying the provincial government to re-evaluate how cities are funded



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Cutting Alberta cities a bigger piece of the taxpayer pie will come with a certain level of expectations, according to Premier Alison Redford.

While the work around what Redford called a "Big City Charter" has begun, she said at a Rotary lunch in Calgary Tuesday "adult conversations" will need to be had.

"If we start down this path, then what locally elected officials need to understand is that if we're prepared as a provincial government ... to say to a city we're going to give you the ability to collect revenue, then they need to be accountable for their spending," she said.

Minister of municipal affairs, Doug Griffiths, said the work he and his provincial colleagues are doing is less about funding and more roles and responsibilities.

"Before you start to dis-



► Premier Alison Redford answers media questions Tuesday at the Fairmont Palliser.

cuss money and say we need more money, first lets make sure you're doing everything you need to be doing."

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said Monday he welcomes accountability.

"I dream of a day when the provincial and federal governments operate their budgets with as much transparency and as much accountability as the city does," he said. "I think that would be a wonderful day, and if she wants some lessons from

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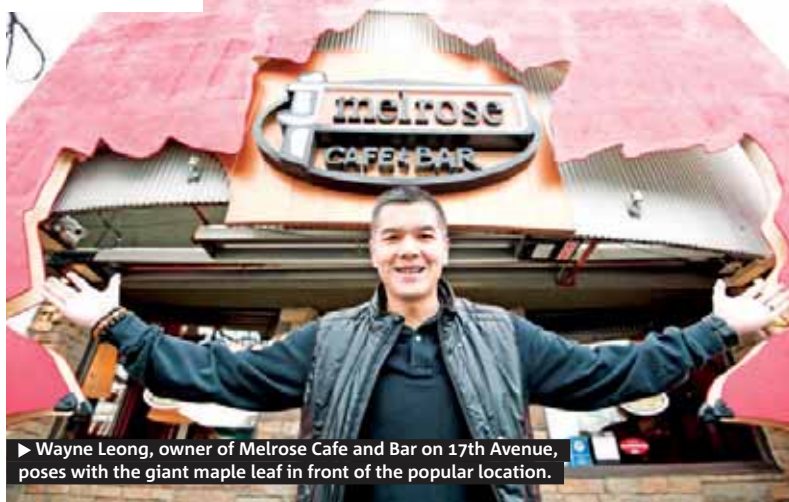
Premier Alison Redford said mayors in the province's seven largest cities have expressed interest in having a conversation about municipal funding.

me I'm happy to provide them."



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## World. Juniors



► Wayne Leong, owner of Melrose Cafe and Bar on 17th Avenue, poses with the giant maple leaf in front of the popular location.

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## City helping support team Canada

When the world's top teenaged hockey players come to town, places like Melrose Cafe and Bar will do what they can to rally support for the Canadian team in the World Junior Hockey Championship, which start Dec. 26.

## Warrant issued in 11th homicide

KATIE TURNER/METRO

Police have now deemed a suspicious death over the weekend to be at the hands of another and are hunting for the victim's roommate in connection with the incident.

Lloyd Douglas Bramley, 27, is wanted on a warrant for second-degree murder. Staff Sgt. Doug Andrus said the victim, his alleged killer and another man had been living in an apartment in

the 300 block of 57th Avenue S.W. since October.

The victim's identity has not been released as police are still attempting to locate all of his family members, Andrus said. The cause of death is also being withheld. Investigators believe Bramley is still in the Calgary area and hope anyone with information on his whereabouts will come forward. ● METRO



► Lloyd Douglas Bramley

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► Volunteer Ken Thwaites collects donations for the Salvation Army Fill the Kettle Campaign on Tuesday at Southcentre Mall.

# Put some metal in the kettle

► Calgary's Fill the Kettle campaign is \$400K short of goal ► Log on to [fillthekettle.com](http://fillthekettle.com) to donate to your favourite Salvation Army kettle



Finishing up that last-minute Christmas shopping? Don't forget to drop some change in the Salvation Army kettle.

The Calgary campaign is still several hundred thousand dollars short of its \$1-million goal.

As of Dec. 15, Calgary donations totalled \$560,700.

"That means we still have \$400,000 to come in the last eight or nine days of the campaign," Salvation Army Capt. Pam Goodyear said.

"We're up slightly from last year. However, we didn't reach the \$1-million goal in 2010, either," she

said.

Last Christmas, the Calgary Fill the Kettle Campaign raised \$900,000.

The shortage in Calgary is reflected in the Salvation Army's national campaign, which is still \$6 million short of the \$19-million goal.

There are 75 kettles scattered throughout the city at shopping malls and

grocery stores.

Goodyear says if you've already finished your Christmas shopping, you can still donate to your favourite kettle by going to [fillthekettle.com](http://fillthekettle.com).

This new initiative lets donors find their favourite local kettle using Google maps and allows them to make a donation with their credit card.

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## Alberta may benefit from new health transfer plan

Alberta's premier says she likes Ottawa's plan for health-care funding and she suggests the province is likely to end up ahead financially.

Alison Redford told a Calgary rotary club that Flaherty's plan acknowledges for the first time that Alberta needs to be treated equally on a per-capita basis.

Alberta currently receives a lower per-capita transfer payment from the federal government than other provinces.

Redford said the disparity costs her province an additional \$900 million a year.

The province hasn't run the numbers yet, but she expects Alberta's books will see a net improvement with the new formula.

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## Ontario researcher develops AIDS vaccine

► University of Western Ontario claims vaccine is the only one of its kind being developed in Canada ► Will be produced in the U.S. ► Canada lacks facilities that meet standards

Yong Kang has played a role in developing vaccines for polio and hepatitis B.

Now, the University of Western Ontario researcher has earned approval from the U.S. government to start human clinical trials on what could be a breakthrough vaccination for preventing HIV.

The vaccine — technically named SAV001 — is the result of nearly 20 years worth of work at Western labs.

Kang, a molecular virologist, started studying the way HIV reproduces after landing in London during the early 1990s. About 10 years ago, he turned his focus toward developing a vaccine — something that he first thought would be a relatively simple task.

"Turns out, it was a very challenging problem," he



► University of Western Ontario researcher Yong Kang speaks Tuesday at the university's research park about a vaccine he has developed to prevent HIV-AIDS.

said.

With the first of three trial phases set to begin in January, best-case scenario would see Kang's product on the market in five years. His vaccine attacks the whole virus instead of attacking bits and pieces,

which is the way vaccines in previous HIV trials worked.

The vaccine will be produced at plants in Maryland and Colorado with funding from Sumagen. The Korean-based pharmaceutical company estab-

lished its Canadian headquarters at Western's research park in 2008 and has pumped about \$50 million into Kang's research.

While HIV has been his key subject for many years, Kang said there's no one thing that drew him to the

### Trial stages

- **Phase 1: Double-check the safety of the vaccine in humans.** Will involve about 40 HIV-positive volunteers.
- **Phase 2: Measure immune responses.** Will involve about 600 volunteers in the high-risk category for infection.
- **Phase 3: Measure the vaccine's ability to produce results.** Will involve about 6,000 volunteers in the high-risk category for infection.

disease, except maybe the number of people it affects.

"I like to save lives," he said. "I think we can save millions."

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# Egyptian women call for change

► Military issues statement of regret for violations against women ► Clinton slams Egypt's security forces

Around 10,000 women marched through central Cairo demanding Egypt's ruling military step down Tuesday in an unprecedented show of outrage over soldiers who dragged women by the hair and stomped on them, and stripped one half-naked in the street during a fierce crackdown on activists over the past week.

The dramatic protest, which grew as the women marched from Tahrir Square through downtown, was fuelled by the widely circulated images of abuses of women. Many of the marchers touted the photo of the young woman whose clothes were partially pulled off by troops,

barring her down to her blue bra, as she struggled on the ground.

"Tantawi stripped your women naked, come join us," the crowd chanted to passersby, referring to Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi, the head of the military council that has ruled Egypt since the Feb. 11 fall of Hosni Mubarak. "The daughters of Egypt are a red line," they chanted.

"The girl dragged around is just like my daughter," said Um Hosam, a 54-year old woman in traditional black dress and a headscarf at Tuesday's march.

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## Scare tactics

- Many accused the military of intentionally targeting women to scare them and their male relatives from joining protests against the generals.
- Previously, the military has implied women who joined protests were of loose morals.
- In March, soldiers subjected detained female protesters to humiliating tests to determine if they were virgins.
- "They want to break their dignity so that they don't go out and protest," Maha Abdel-Nasser, an engineer who joined the march, said.

► Women march during a protest against the crackdown by authorities on protesters in Cairo Tuesday.



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# Dutch TV dishes out cannibalism

► Presenters to eat a small chunk of one another's fried flesh ► BNN has previously won international Emmy

A Dutch broadcaster — renowned for testing the limits of good taste and the law — says it will air a segment in which two presenters engage in cannibal-

ism by eating a small chunk of one another's fried flesh.

A BNN spokesman said Tuesday the men had each had a small piece of tissue

surgically removed for the stunt — one from his side and the other from his buttocks.

Presenter Dennis Storm said in a press release that

his motivation was a simple desire to know how human flesh tastes.

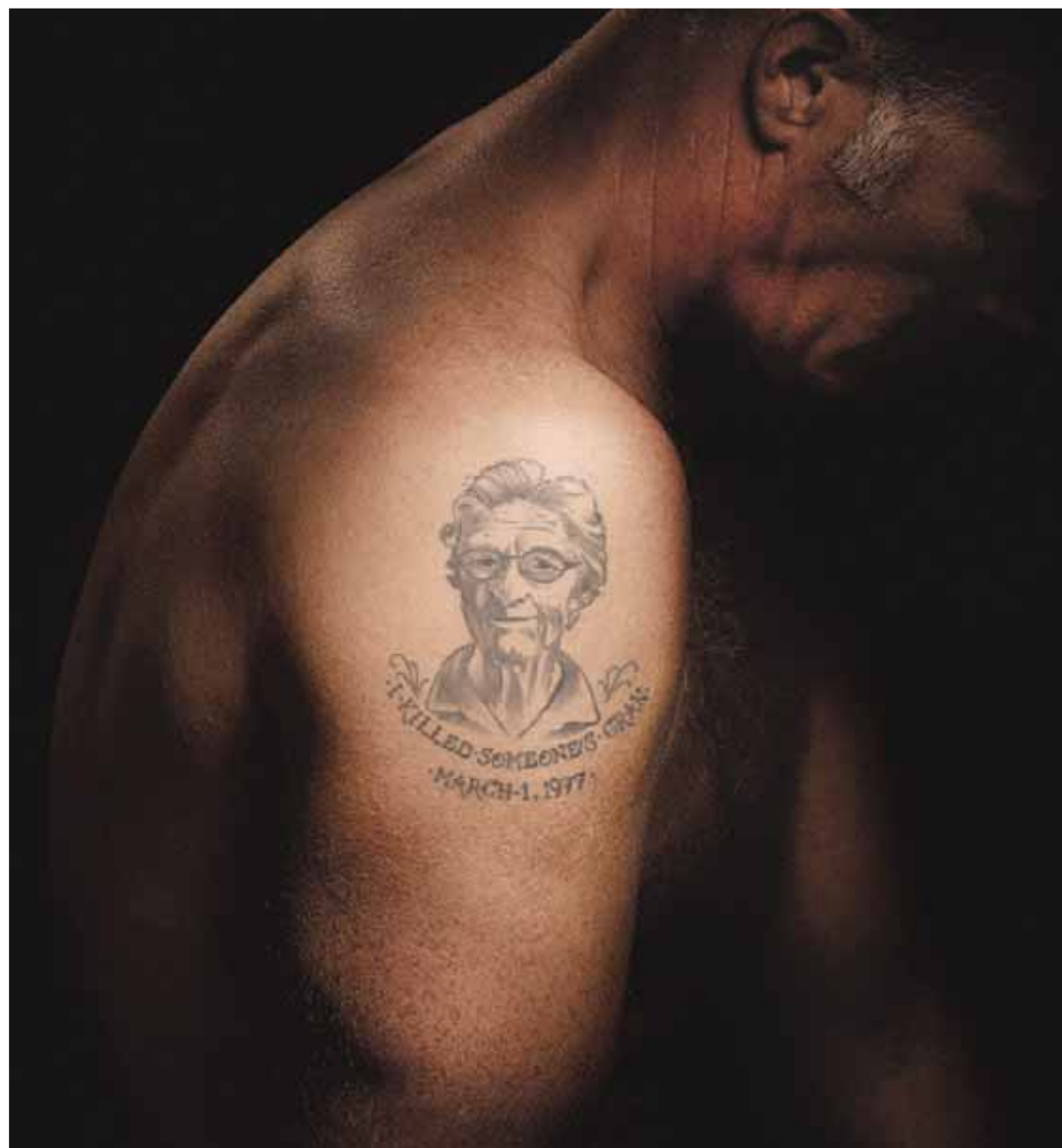
A teaser clip for the show Guinea Pigs, which airs Wednesday, shows the

two men looking on as a chef fries tiny pieces of meat in a pan.

Gerard Spong, one of the country's best-known criminal defence lawyers,

is participating in the program, and was quoted saying that cannibalism is not expressly illegal in the Netherlands.

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► Winnipeg's Maria Aragon appears in a Gap commercial.

## Canadians do well on YouTube rankings

Canadian content ranked high on YouTube's lists of the most-watched videos in 2011 but still could not top the web phenomenon that was Rebecca Black.

Black's music video for the much-derided song Friday was the most viewed video in Canada and internationally on YouTube.

In second place on both

lists was Ultimate Dog Tease by Andrew Grantham, in which the Halifax native torments a talking German shepherd by teasing him about food.

Third on Canada's list and eighth internationally was the cover of Lady Gaga's Born This Way by Winnipeg's Maria Aragon.

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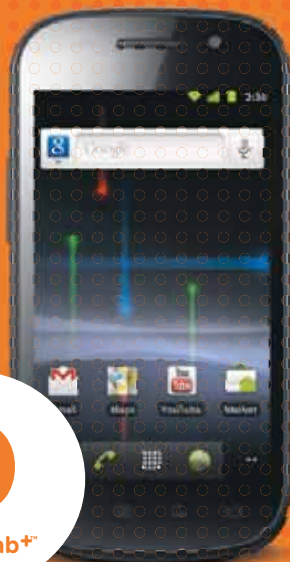


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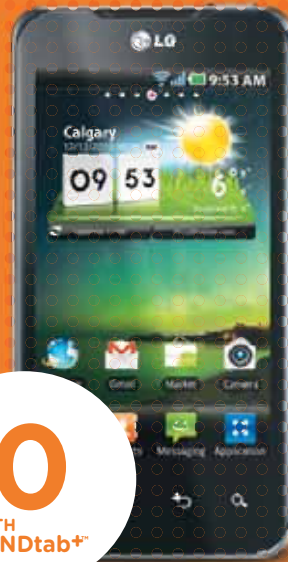
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## RESEARCH IN MOTION

**Porn access on BlackBerry a concern in Britain**

BlackBerry maker Research In Motion has been summoned to a meeting with the United Kingdom's telecommunications regulator amid concern that children are able to view pornography on its smartphones.

The London Telegraph reports that the problem appears to be unique to the BlackBerry, which

has become increasingly popular among young users. RIM will be joined at the meeting by representatives of Britain's leading mobile networks.

While mobile phone operators have been able to apply filters to other handsets such as the iPhone, they have been unable to do so on the BlackBerry because data flows through its own services rather than those provided by the networks. RIM reportedly offered its filtering system to U.K. networks, but the offer has only been taken up by T-Mobile. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# Inflation still high: StatsCan

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► Grocery prices were up 5.7 per cent in November compared with a year ago as consumers saw double-digit increases for such basics as fresh vegetables and bread, Statistics Canada reported Tuesday.

**► Prices rose in all areas the agency tracks across the country**

Canada's annual inflation rate remained stubbornly high at 2.9 per cent last month as Canadians continued to pay considerably more for food and gasoline than they had 12 months earlier.

Statistics Canada said Tuesday that grocery prices were up 5.7 per cent in November compared with a year ago as consumers saw double-digit increases for such basics as fresh vegetables and bread. The figures included a 1.3 per cent jump from October alone. Food prices, including restaurant meals, were 4.8 per cent higher than a year earlier, the biggest such increase since July 2009, the federal agency said.

Gasoline also continued to be a key driver of annual inflation, rising 13.5 per cent in November from 12 months earlier. However,

**"I think inflation may have more staying power than we expect."**

DOUGLAS PORTER, BMO DEPUTY CHIEF ECONOMIST

gasoline price inflation is on a downward track after peaking in May at close to 30 per cent. On a month-to-month basis, Canadians actually paid 2.3 per cent less for gas in November than they did in October.

The high cost of gasoline helped push the transportation component up 5.7 per cent, although that was less than the 6.7 per cent gain recorded in October.

Despite this, the Bank of Canada has repeatedly stressed that it is not worried about inflation even though it has remained above the bank's two per cent target for more than a year. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## CNN host refuses to give up source on McCartney message

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A tense and sometimes confrontational Piers Morgan stood his ground before a judge-led inquiry into media ethics Tuesday, denying any connection to illegal phone hacking that has resulted in the closure of the newspaper he once edited and the arrest of friends and former colleagues.

But the celebrity interviewer, who edited the News of the World Sunday and the Daily Mirror, refused to answer questions about the damning link between himself and scandal — his 2006 acknowledg-

ment that he had once listened to a poignant phone message left by former Beatle Paul McCartney for his ex-wife Heather Mills.

Mills has charged that there was no honest way Morgan could have heard the message — an allegation that could prove embarrassing to CNN, which brought the 46-year-old journalist on board in January to replace Larry King.

Morgan refused to go into any detail about the message. "I'm not going to discuss where I heard it or who played it to me," he

► Piers Morgan answers media inquiry questions Tuesday via video from the U.S.



told the inquiry.  
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# RIP FEARLESS HITCHENS

JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN  
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22, to name a couple. Hitchens died last week, and an impressive array of pundits have tried to punch above their weight and write about Hitchens as well as Hitchens wrote about himself.

The results have been admirable, although we could do without the manly memoirs from those who tried to match the master drink for drink and stay on their barstools. Typical of this school is Graydon Carter, the editor of Vanity Fair, who wrote that after having more drinks at lunch than most of us have in a lifetime at lunch, they stumbled back to the office and Hitchens "produced a 1,000-word column of near perfection in under half an hour."

**"When you're a writer, intellectual freedom is your most precious resource. Unless you write the truth (as you know it, in your heart) with complete fearlessness, you are producing weasel poop."**

though he was writing to you and to you alone." We all had a front row seat to The Show thanks to Hitchens, who would tackle any topic on our behalf, from Mother Teresa, whom he detested as the benign, loving face of oppression, to Holocaust denier David Irving, tolerating him and his odious outlook in the name of intellectual freedom.

When you're a writer, intellectual freedom is your most precious resource. Unless you write the truth (as you know it, in your heart) with complete fearlessness, you are producing weasel poop. At best.

Hitchens was completely fearless. He proved it time and again, but most of all when he turned his back on the left to support the U.S. invasion of Iraq, arguing that "Islamofascism" is the greatest threat of our time. It started when the Ayatollah of Iran put a fatwah (a kind of assassination contract with religious trappings) on his good friend Salman Rushdie for writing The Satanic Verses.

If it weren't three sentences long, this quote about the fatwah from his memoir should be written on his tomb: "It was, if I can phrase it like this, a matter of everything I hated versus everything I loved. In the hate column: dictatorship, religion, stupidity, demagoguery, censorship, bullying and intimidation. In the love column: literature, irony, humour, the individual and the defense of free expression."

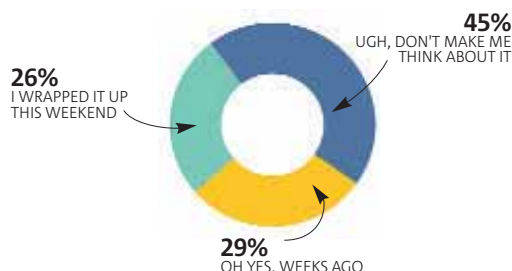
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It's tough, writing an appreciation of Christopher Hitchens, the brilliant essayist and author of God Is Not Great: How Religion Poisons Everything and the memoir Hitch



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► **@imAidanokay:** Walking through Northhill mall just reaffirmed that there is not a single store worth entering. Even Santa stayed away. #yycc

► **@harpisinyyc:** Asked @premier\_redford abt muni funding. She's dead serious abt this topic & it's going 2mean BIG accountability 4 Councils. #yyccc #ableg

► **@PolTalks:** After being away for four months, #yycc feels like home again. I am really diggin it.

► **@unstickingcoach:** Best ever massage from Healing Hands by Kiyomi #YYC

► **@grindle\_m:** Tired. Need coffee ..... scared its going to be a loooooon afternoon. #yycc

► **@KaylaJScwartz:** The incident of pajama pants at #yycc vs. #yyz is alarming. Calgs, I missed you not at all.

► **@TStan:** Wake up in my bed at home, sunny Alberta blue skies, hot yoga, followed by Egg Sandwiches and chilling with my fat orange cat. #Heaven #yycc

## Hang in there, bug!



## Fly battles rain to win contest

**WILDLIFE.** It looks like one of those classic, endearing "Hang in there, baby" motivational posters. This dragonfly in Indonesia's Riau Islands seems to cling on to a reed to brave a torrent of rain. The photo by Shikhei Goh beat 20,000 entries to win the 2011 National Geographic Photography Contest. ● **MWN**



**"It suddenly rained, but the lighting was just superb. The result caused me to be overjoyed."**

SHIKHEI GOH, PHOTOGRAPHER

## Judges' views

► **Amy Toensing:** "When I look at it, I want to say, 'Hold on tight, little buddy!'"

► **Peter Essick:** "It's rare indeed to see a photograph that causes the viewer to feel a bond with a member of the animal world seemingly, but maybe not, so unlike our own."

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at [metronews.ca/justsaying](http://metronews.ca/justsaying)



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► The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo has set off a demand for all things Scandinavian.

# A Swedish invasion

► The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo has spurred a demand for Scandinavian backdrops in new films ► But that's nothing new to Hollywood ► Sweden has always been a cinema focal point

## IN FOCUS

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These days it seems there are almost as many movies set in Sweden as there are Billy bookshelves in college dorms.

The original *Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* books and movie series kicked off a thirst for all things Scandinavian.

Headhunters, a Norwegian noir, was a big hit recently at the Toronto International Film Festival and *Let the Right One In* placed vampires against a snowy, stark white Swedish backdrop.

This weekend the Amer-

icanized version of *Girl With the Dragon Tattoo* opens, starring Daniel Craig and Rooney Mara in the roles Swedish superstars Michael Nyqvist and Noomi Repace made famous. Shot in Sweden, the movie promises open landscapes, the crunch of snow underfoot and even the odd fjord.

Suddenly, it seems people are hungry for movies from Sweden, Norway and Denmark, but there has always been a smorgasbord of cinema available from that part of the world.

No discussion of Scandinavian cinema can be complete without mentioning Ingmar Bergman. Woody Allen named him "the greatest film artist since the invention of the motion picture camera," and Francis Ford Coppola

called him "my all-time favourite."

If you haven't seen *The Seventh Seal* or *Wild Strawberries*, you should; they are both classics. But you have undoubtedly seen movies inspired by or parodying Bergman's work.

His famous *Seventh Seal* scene of Death playing chess has been mimicked in everything from *Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey* to Woody Allen's play *Death Knocks*, which features a man playing gin rummy with Death.

More recently a Norwegian mockumentary called *Troll Hunter* earned praise from critics all over the world. One writer said this Blair-Witch-style story of cave-dwelling trolls and the government-sponsored hunters who track them

was "destined to be a classic of its kind."

Another said, "You'll want to catch this clever movie before Hollywood ruins everything with a dumb remake."

Denmark has a thriving film industry. Since 1956 they've entered 40 flicks for Best Foreign Film consideration at the Academy Awards.

At last year's Oscars Susanne Bier's drama *In a Better World* beat Canada's entry *Incendies* to take home Best Foreign Film.

The best-known Danish films of recent years have been made by Lars von Trier, the distinctive and controversial director of *Breaking the Waves* and this year's *Melancholia*. As well known for his depressed behaviour as he is

for his films, Von Trier once said, "Basically, I'm afraid of everything in life, except filmmaking."



### Not dead



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## THE ADVENTURES OF TINTIN

Genre: Drama

Director: Steven Spielberg

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Based on three of Hergé's original Tintin books, The Adventures of Tintin is a long series of clues strung together to form the story and connect the action scenes.

But despite the well-loved characters and Andy Serkis's brilliant work, this is a Steven Spielberg movie through and through.

Using a mix of motion capture and CGI he is finally able to recreate the giant set pieces he has always been fond of in boldface.

The motorcycle chase through a North African town, a plane crash in the desert and a swashbuckling flashback are all spectacular, exhilarating sequences, but they feel more Spielbergian than Tintin-ian.

I'm not sure if Hergé purists will appreciate the

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# Lady and the Trump

► Just how has Lady Gaga become the global sensation she is today? Why, taste-maker Donald Trump, of course

## THE WORD

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Toupéed reality TV star Donald Trump says because Lady Gaga performed at the 2008 Miss Universe pageant, which Trump owns, he should get all of the credit for her success. "We always have an en-

tertainer," he says.

"We've had a lot of great people, and you don't pay them anything because it's one of the biggest audiences and my people told me, 'Nobody knows who she is but there's this woman with good talent named Lady Gaga.'"

And I said, 'Give me a break.' And then they said, 'She's really good.' So I said, 'I don't care, if you like her, put her on.'"

Interesting. And here we always thought it was the



► Donald Trump

gays who propelled Lady Gaga to international star-



► Lady Gaga

## I ain't got you babe: Chaz and his fiancée split

After featuring their tear-filled proposal on his reality series, Being Chaz, Chaz Bono and Jennifer Elia have split up, calling off their engagement, according to TMZ.

"They leave this relationship with great love, respect and affection

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► Jennifer Elia, left, and Chaz Bono

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## Was James Franco a D-student at university?

Former New York University professor Jose Angel Santana claims the school fired him for giving James Franco a D, and he's suing to get his job back, according to the New York Post.

Santana claims the low grade was due to Franco missing 12 out of 14 classes, though he says the school sided with their fa-

mous student.

"In my opinion, they've turned the NYU graduate film degree in to swag for James Franco's purposes, a possession, something you can buy," Santana tells the newspaper.

"The University has done everything in its power to curry favour with James Franco."

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James Franco

### Celebrity tweets



Death to LOL



@BrunoMars



@michaelianblack

If anybody (Jude Law) wants to trade lives with me, NO THANK YOU!!! (yes, please)



@ZoeyDeschanel

this weather just makes me feel like eating.

@oliviawilde

Is it wrong that the only time I've been in the gym in the last month is to buy peanut butter smoothies? I try my best to lunge in and out.





► Tired of the dreariness of winter and in need of some sunshine? ► Welcome to Mexico's seaside town of Puerto Vallarta ► There's more than just sunny days in this port town

**BRENDA NÚÑEZ**  
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'Vallarta', as locals call it, is a quaint village nestled in Banderas Bay that opens out into the Pacific Ocean. One of Mexico's most cosmopolitan cities, it's also the country's gay capital. Blessed with year round warm temperatures, the sparkling seaside town is a breath of fresh air compared to the capital Mexico City.

A hot spot for sea and art lovers, there is beauty in everything you see from the red tiled houses, cobbled streets and ocean views. Although a major tourist destination, Vallarta has managed to stay clear of clichés and remains in essence a quiet fishing village.

## First time?

On top of the endless stretch of pristine coastline, there are plenty of outdoor activities to keep you busy here. Go horseback riding along the coast, deep sea diving or fishing or for a jeep ride through the jungle. If you're brave enough, go bungee jumping into the ocean (vallarta-adventures.com). Nature lovers will enjoy a trip to the Botanical Gardens (vbgardens.org), where they will find out more about local flowers.



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# Pacific Paradise

## Shop

The best place to buy local souvenirs is the historic Rio Cuale Market near the Cuale River. Here you will find plenty of Huichol culture arts and crafts as well as mainstream beach dresses and wrestling masks. Shopping malls, including Galerías Vallarta Maritimé and the Plaza Peninsula, are great for getting more generic souvenirs. If it's jewelry and antiques you're after, go for a stroll along the Malecón boardwalk.



BRENDA NÚÑEZ

► Market crafts

## Eat and drink!

For a traditional breakfast, head to Mama Rosa (mamarosavallarta.com). Their refried beans, empanadas and café de olla (cinnamon coffee) are the perfect start to the day. El Brujo is another option, especially if you like molcajetes (steak, onions and white cheese in pepper sauce, with flour tortilla, beans and guacamole). Restaurant La Leche (lalecherestaurant.com) is perfect for a late lunch or dinner.

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## Travel in brief



Eight casinos on the Las Vegas Strip are planning a co-ordinated fireworks show as part of Sin City's annual New Year's Eve celebration. Officials said Wednesday that more than 56,000 effects will light up the sky as part of a nearly nine-minute show featuring a medley of songs including LMFAO's Party Rock Anthem.

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# A sweet ending to the holidays

► This unique upside down cake is a nice escape from your typical frosted Christmas treats

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► This recipe serves 12.

## HOLIDAY HELPER

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This stunning cake brings the sweet and vanilla scented flavour of birch syrup to pears, and it would work just as well with firm baking apples.

The dark colour of pure birch syrup enhances the cake and adds a unique flavour. Try it in other baking where you would use vanilla extract as a start.

You can make this cake ahead up to two days and warm it up slightly before serving it with a dollop of whipped cream and a sprinkle of cinnamon

### Preparation:

- 1 Pear Topping: In saucepan, heat birch

### Holiday prep

► We're here to help  
This is the final edition of Emily Richards's Holiday Helper. Check out [metronews.ca/food](http://metronews.ca/food) for past editions.

### Ingredients:

- ½ cup (125 mL) butter, softened
- ¾ cup (175 mL) packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) vanilla
- 1-1/2 cups (375 mL) all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp (5 mL) ground cardamom or cinnamon
- 1 tsp (5 mL) baking powder

syrup, brown sugar over medium-high heat until it begins to bubble. Boil gently for 1 minute, stirring. Pour into greased 9-inch (23 cm) cake pan. Sprinkle with pecans.

- 2 Peel, quarter and core pears. Slice pears into about ¼ inch (5 mm) thick slices, lengthwise. Arrange over maple mixture in concentric circles overlapping each other slightly. Set aside.

- 3 In bowl, beat butter and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating after each addition. Beat in vanilla. In another bowl, combine flour, cardamom, baking powder, soda and salt. Alternately, stir flour mix and sour

- ½ tsp (2 mL) baking soda
- Pinch salt
- ½ cup (125 mL) sour cream

### Pear Topping:

- ½ cup (75 mL) pure birch syrup
- ¼ cup (50 mL) packed brown sugar
- ¼ cup (50 mL) chopped toasted pecans
- 3 ripe Bosc or Bartlett pears

cream into butter mix making 3 additions of flour and 2 of sour cream until combined (batter will be thick).

- 4 Scrape into cake pan over pears. Smooth batter carefully without moving pears. Bake in 350°F (180°C) oven 40 mins. or until tester inserted in centre comes out clean. Let cool in pan 20 mins.

- 5 Invert cake pan onto serving plate and turn over, removing cake pan. Scrape any pear topping from the pan onto cake. **EMILY RICHARDS IS A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR & TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT [EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA](http://EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)**

## Drink of the week

### Christmas Coffee

It's the holidays. You don't have to work, so why not make your caffeine fix a little more festive?

- 1 oz Bailey's Mint Chocolate
- .25 oz Frangelico
- .25 oz Kahlua
- Hot coffee

Stir everything with freshly brewed coffee in a large, tempered glass. Top with whipped cream — homemade tastes better, but the canned stuff will look prettier — and sprinkle with shaved dark chocolate and candy cane crumble. Replace the last two liqueurs with Irish whiskey if the sun's already set. **JOE HOWELL, TORONTO BARTENDER**

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# A delicious and classic party offering

► While most people opt for a store-bought version, French Onion Dip isn't difficult to make from scratch

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► This recipe serves 16.

Always a family favourite, this herb enhanced onion dip is delicious served up with kettle chips as a classic, but try it with fresh cut veggies or use it as a new dip idea for chicken or steak or a spread for a new crostini idea.

### Preparation:

- 1 In a large skillet heat olive oil over medium heat. Add onions, shallots, garlic, salt and pepper and cook for 15 to 18 minutes, stirring

lic begins to brown too much, add a few tablespoons of water and continue cooking.

- 2 Let mixture cool for 10 minutes, then transfer to a food processor and puree until smooth. Add cottage cheese, thyme and marjoram. Purée again until smooth. Stir in chopped chives.

- 3 Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate

### Ingredients:

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 2 large sweet onions, sliced
- 4 shallots, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tub (500 g) low-fat cottage cheese
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh thyme
- 10 ml (2 tsp) chopped fresh marjoram
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh chives

for at least an hour for flavours to meld.

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# Mix learning with living it up

► One student weighs in on the importance of balancing work and play while piecing through post-secondary

## STUDENT VOICE

AYSHA KHALIQ  
TALENTEGG.CA

I moved to Nova Scotia to attend school full-time. Cape Breton University (CBU) has an awesome business school where I didn't only study and learn, but I also enjoyed my life more than I ever had before.

There are many reasons why I call my time there the best days of my life. If I have to explain in a few lines, what I loved the most was the super friendly learning environment, highly qualified teachers with a lot of experience, the library — such a good source of research in physical and electronic forms, the sports complex with many free-of-cost facilities and last but not least my residence.

When I moved to Cape Breton, I did not know a single person there. In the beginning, I was quite concerned what my life would be like there without family and friends.

However, surprisingly, when I left the university, I knew many people from security guards, café workers, librarians to professors and students and I was filled with good memories from all of them. Now I am very blessed to have a big circle of wonderful family and friends on the other side of Canada too.

During my last year, with the help of my friends, professors and mentors, I decided which industry I wanted to work in. I also re-



► Aysha Khaliq believes schools should have more programs in place to help students assess what direction they'd like to head in after graduation.

ceived some help from my university and different agencies to fix my resumé.

In the beginning of my last semester, I started applying for different jobs and I focused on the specific industry I was interested in.

In the first two months of my job search, I hardly received any calls for interviews. It was quite disappointing. However, since I had started looking early, I had enough time to find the right place in a specific

industry and find the right job.

In October 2010, I graduated with an MBA and the Valedictorian designation from Cape Breton University and a few job offers.

I believe schools should have a special program in the last two semesters of graduate studies in order to help students figure out what they want to do in the future. If students have the right plan from the start, it helps them to get into the right industry too.

I feel many employers are hesitant to give any chance to first-timers. Employers: please consider them! They are often more hardworking, motivated and focused than experienced ones.

In general, my advice for students would be that our university days won't come back. We should have as much fun as we can. However, at the same time opportunity won't knock on the door again and again.

We should try to balance getting good grades, building networks, and enjoying our time.

### Where Aysha is now

Before my graduation, I was offered a few positions. I took my time making a decision and kept the idea of career advancement in my mind. Finally, I accepted a personal banking officer position at Scotiabank.

Also, before my graduation, I started to look for different volunteer roles in different organizations. I accepted a board member role at the Millwoods Family Resource Center.

I also wanted to improve my public speaking and leadership skills, so I joined Toastmasters in 2010. Since then, I have been working on getting the Competent Communicator and Competent Leadership certifications.

As well, I am studying for a Personal Financial Planner (PFP) certification in order to advance my career at Scotiabank.

stand that it's hard to find some spare time in the last semester particularly, but we all have to sacrifice to get something else done.

In the end, hard work pays off and there will be

time to enjoy the dividends.

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### What I learned

#### Key take-aways from Aysha's experience

- Travel for school and work while you can. It might seem scary at first, but you'll learn and grow a lot!
- Plan the next steps in your career or education before you graduate so you're not stuck with nothing to do.
- Try to stay balanced in everything that you do — success takes hard work, networking and fun.



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**"Tim Tebow's not going anywhere. I mean, he's going to be a Bronco and we're going to do everything we can and hopefully he's that guy."**

DENVER BRONCOS BOSS JOHN ELWAY OFFERS A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FOR QUARTERBACK TIM TEBOW.



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# Flames keep Wild corralled

► Calgary earns crucial win in return to Saddledome ahead of world junior road trip



► Wild goalie Josh Harding and Flames forward Mikael Backlund watch a loose puck bounce through the crease on Tuesday night.



LARRY MACDOUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jarome Iginla scored the go-ahead goal and also had an assist Tuesday night as a return to home ice helped the Flames get back in the win column with a 2-1 victory over the Minnesota Wild.

Tied 1-1, Iginla gave the Flames the lead at 6:02 of the second period on a spectacular individual effort.

Defenceman Derek Smith fired a shot toward the net that Josh Harding stopped, but the rebound dropped at the feet of Iginla and two Minnesota defencemen standing right beside him.

The Flames captain out-muscled both Jared Spurgeon and then Marco Scandella to corral the loose puck and then knocked it past Harding for his team-leading 13th goal.

Curtis Glencross with his 11th goal also scored for Calgary (15-15-4), which was fresh off a four-game road trip.

The game was a showdown between two struggling, depleted teams, each

on identical four-game win-less skids.

In contrast to their road struggles, the Flames continue to play well at home where they're unbeaten in their last seven.

Pierre-Marc Bouchard scored the lone goal for Minnesota (20-10-5). The Wild have lost eight of their last 10 away from home.

Minnesota continues to lead the Northwest Division by three points over Vancouver, despite being mired in its worst slump of the

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**The Flames are back for a short two-game homestand before heading back onto the road for their next seven while the IIHF world junior hockey championship comes to town.**

season.

Minnesota tied the game 1-1 at 6:10 of the first peri-

od off a faceoff win in the Flames end.

Matt Cullen beat Olli Jokinen on the draw, getting the puck to Spurgeon. The Wild defenceman took a sharp-angle shot that hit Bouchard in front and then dropped to his feet where he was able to sweep the puck behind Miikka Kiprusoff.

Calgary took advantage of an early defensive lapse in taking a 1-0 lead 2:47 into the game.

Iginla sent a short pass to

Glencross cruising through the slot, and Glencross continued to the net untouched where he sent a high backhand into the top corner.

It was the first goal for the Flames against Minnesota on home ice in over 128 minutes.

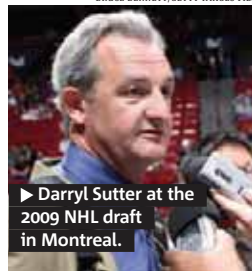
Kiprusoff made 29 saves for the Flames after giving up nine goals in his previous two starts, while Harding made 28 saves for the Wild.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Sutter set to take over as Kings coach

Darryl Sutter will be the Los Angeles Kings' next head coach, general manager Dean Lombardi announced Tuesday.

Sutter will assume his duties beginning with practice Wednesday, after which the club will hold a news conference to introduce him. He takes over a Kings team (15-14-4) that entered Tuesday three points out of a playoff spot in the Western Conference with the second-fewest goals in the league — just



► Darryl Sutter at the 2009 NHL draft in Montreal.

three more than the New York Islanders. The Kings are currently riding a streak of 12 consecutive games in

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**Darryl Sutter-coached teams have made the playoffs in 10 of his 12 seasons on the bench, including in 2004 when his Calgary Flames made the Stanley Cup final.**

which they've scored no more than two goals in regulation.

The Kings, whose next

game is Thursday night in L.A. against the struggling Anaheim Ducks, fired coach Terry Murray on Dec. 12 in Boston before starting a four-game road trip. Assistant coach John Stevens was 2-2 on an interim basis.

It's the ninth time in franchise history the Kings will finish a season with a different coach than the one they started with. They made the playoffs on three of those occasions.

Sutter, 53, has a career regular-season record of

409-320-131 and a 47-54 mark in the playoffs. He has won division titles as coach in Chicago, San Jose and Calgary.

He also was general manager of the Flames from the 2003-04 season until he resigned Dec. 28, 2010, with the team sitting last in the Western Conference.

Sutter is one of nine head coaches in NHL history to lead at least three different clubs to 100 wins.

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	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Boston	32	22	9	0	1	111	63	45	12-2-0-1	10-3-0-0	8-2-0-0	W5
d-Philadelphia	32	20	8	2	2	112	94	44	8-5-1-1	12-3-1-1	7-2-0-1	L2
d-Florida	34	18	10	2	4	91	86	42	8-3-1-4	10-7-1-0	5-3-1-1	L1
NY Rangers	31	19	8	1	3	91	68	42	8-3-0-2	11-5-1-1	6-3-0-1	W2
Pittsburgh	34	19	11	2	2	110	90	42	10-4-2-0	9-7-0-2	5-5-0-0	W2
New Jersey	33	18	14	0	1	91	96	37	7-6-0-1	11-8-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Toronto	33	16	13	2	2	102	108	36	7-5-2-2	9-8-0-0	3-5-2-0	L3
Ottawa	34	16	14	2	2	106	117	36	9-7-0-1	7-7-2-1	4-4-1-1	W2
Washington	32	17	14	0	1	95	97	35	11-5-0-1	6-9-0-0	5-5-0-0	W1
Buffalo	33	16	14	2	1	90	98	35	8-9-2-1	8-5-0-0	3-5-2-0	L2
Winnipeg	33	15	13	3	2	91	100	35	11-5-0-1	4-8-3-1	6-3-0-1	L1
Montreal	34	13	14	2	5	87	92	33	5-7-2-4	8-7-0-1	3-4-0-3	L3
Tampa Bay	32	14	16	0	2	87	107	30	8-5-0-0	6-11-0-2	3-7-0-0	L1
NY Islanders	31	11	14	4	2	72	99	28	6-8-3-0	5-6-1-2	5-3-2-1	W2
Carolina	34	10	18	4	2	86	116	26	6-9-0-2	4-9-4-0	2-6-2-0	L1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Chicago	34	21	9	1	3	113	101	46	11-2-0-3	10-7-1-0	7-2-0-1	L1
d-Minnesota	35	20	12	3	3	85	78	45	10-4-1-2	10-6-1-1	5-3-0-2	L5
d-Dallas	32	19	10	0	1	85	89	39	10-4-0-1	9-8-0-0	6-4-0-0	W1
Detroit	32	21	10	1	0	107	71	43	13-2-1-0	8-8-0-0	7-3-0-0	W2
St. Louis	32	19	9	0	4	82	69	42	13-3-0-1	6-6-0-3	7-1-0-2	W1
Vancouver	33	20	11	0	2	110	80	42	9-4-0-1	11-7-0-1	7-2-0-1	W2
Nashville	33	17	12	3	1	86	88	38	8-5-0-0	9-7-1-0	6-4-0-0	L1
San Jose	30	17	10	2	1	86	74	37	10-6-1-0	7-4-1-1	4-4-1-1	W2
Phoenix	33	17	13	1	2	86	86	37	7-7-1-1	10-6-0-1	4-6-0-0	W1
Los Angeles	33	15	14	2	2	72	81	34	8-9-0-1	7-5-2-1	4-6-0-0	W1
Calgary	34	15	15	2	2	84	95	34	9-5-1-1	6-10-1-1	5-3-1-1	W1
Colorado	34	16	17	1	0	91	102	33	10-9-0-0	6-8-1-0	6-4-0-0	W2
Edmonton	33	14	16	0	3	89	90	31	9-6-0-2	5-10-0-1	2-7-0-1	L4
Anaheim	33	9	19	2	3	78	110	23	7-9-1-0	2-10-1-3	3-6-1-0	L3
Columbus	33	9	20	1	3	80	111	22	6-10-1-1	3-10-0-2	3-6-1-0	L3

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results

Calgary 2 Minnesota 1  
Ottawa 4 Buffalo 1  
N.Y. Islanders 3 Winnipeg 2 (SO)  
N.Y. Rangers 4 New Jersey 1  
Phoenix 2 Florida 1  
Pittsburgh 3 Chicago 2  
Washington 4 Nashville 1  
**Monday's results**  
Boston 3 Montreal 2  
Detroit 3 Edmonton 2  
Los Angeles 4 Toronto 2 (SO)  
Vancouver 4 Minnesota 0  
Colorado 3 Philadelphia 2 (SO)  
Dallas 5 Anaheim 3  
**Tonight's games**  
**All Times Eastern**  
Phoenix at Carolina, 7 p.m.  
Montreal at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Louis at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.  
Detroit at Vancouver, 10 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.  
**Tomorrow's games**  
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.  
Buffalo at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
Florida at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.  
Columbus at Nashville, 8 p.m.  
Montreal at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.  
Detroit at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.  
Minnesota at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.  
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.  
**Friday's games**  
Florida at Boston, 7 p.m.  
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.  
Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.  
Washington at New Jersey, 7 p.m.  
Ottawa at Carolina, 7 p.m.  
Nashville at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Colorado, 9 p.m.  
St. Louis at Phoenix, 9 p.m.  
Calgary at Vancouver, 10 p.m.  
Los Angeles at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

SENATORS 4, SABRES 1

**First Period**  
1. Ottawa, Smith 9 (Neil, Carkner) 11:48  
**Penalty** — Condra Ott (interference) 13:27.  
**Second Period**  
2. Buffalo, Leopold 6 (Ehrhoff, Vanek) 13:12 (pp)  
**Penalties** — Daugavins Ott (boarding) 3:33, Turris Ott (hooking) 7:51, Stafford Buf (slashing) 8:38, Greening Ott (hooking) 12:18, Vanek Buf (tripping) 15:52.  
**Third Period**  
3. Ottawa, Condra 5 (Turris) 7:59  
4. Ottawa, Karlsson 3 (Alfredsson, Spezza) 17:49 (pp)  
5. Ottawa, Condra 6 (Karlsson) 18:14 (en)  
**Penalty** — Gaustad Buf (roughing) 16:55.  
**Shots**  
Buffalo 8 8 7 23  
Ottawa 10 13 16 39  
**Goal** — Buffalo: Miller (L,8-7-2); Ottawa: Anderson (W,14-11-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Buffalo: 1-4; Ottawa: 1-3.  
**Referees** — Brian Pochmara, Chris Rooney.  
**Linesmen** — Michel Cormier, Tony Sericolo.  
**Attendance** — 18,474 (19,153) at Ottawa.

ISLANDERS 3, JETS 2 (SO)

**First Period**  
1. N.Y. Islanders, Parenteau 5 (Moulson, Tavares) 8:17  
2. Winnipeg, Antropov 5 (Oduya) 18:00  
**Penalties** — Okposo NYI, Stuart Wpg (roughing) 3:54.  
**Second Period**  
3. N.Y. Islanders, Grabner 10 (Hamonic, MacDonald) 3:53  
4. Winnipeg, Ladd 11 (Antropov, Wellwood) 9:46

**Penalty** — Kane Wpg (goaltender interference) 18:40.  
**Third Period**  
No Scoring  
**Penalty** — Oduya Wpg (hooking) 16:01.  
**Overtime**  
No Scoring  
**Penalties** — None.  
**Shootout**  
**N.Y. Islanders win 2-0**  
**Winnipeg (0)** — Wheeler, miss; Wellwood, miss; **N.Y. Islanders (2)** — Parenteau, goal; Nielsen, goal.  
**Shots**  
N.Y. Islanders 13 9 9 2—33  
Winnipeg 8 11 14 5—38  
**Goal (shots-saves)** — N.Y. Islanders: Montoya (19-17), Nabokov (W,2-5-0)(18:40 second, 19-19); Winnipeg: (L,11-11-5). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — N.Y. Islanders: 0-2; Winnipeg: 0-0.  
**Referees** — Stephen Walkom, Brad Watson.  
**Linesmen** — Steve Barton, Don Henderson.  
**Attendance** — 15,004 (15,004) at Winnipeg.

FLAMES 2, WILD 1

**First Period**  
1. Calgary, Glencross 11 (Iginla, Butler) 2:47  
2. Minnesota, Bouchard 6 (Spurgeon, Cullen) 6:10  
**Penalties** — Staubitz Minn, Jackman Cal (fighting) 15:24, Palmer Minn (hooking) 17:57.  
**Second Period**  
3. Calgary, Iginla 13 (Smith, Jokinen) 6:02  
**Penalties** — Stoner Minn, Kostopoulos Cal (fighting) 2:33, Zidlicky Min (slashing) 3:54.  
**Third Period**  
No Scoring.  
**Penalties** — Sarich Cal (elbowing) 6:22, Jokinen Cal (interference) 17:28, Jokinen Cal (slashing) 19:47.  
**Shots**  
Minnesota 13 6 11 30  
Calgary 11 13 6 30  
**Goal** — Minnesota: Harding (L,7-3-1); Calgary: Kiprusoff (W,15-11-2).

**Power plays (goals-chances)** — Minnesota: 0-3; Calgary: 0-2.  
**Referees** — Mike Hasenfratz, Dan O'Halloran.  
**Linesmen** — Lonnie Cameron, Dan Schachte.  
**Attendance** — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

LATE MONDAY

CANUCKS 4, WILD 0

**First Period**  
1. Vancouver, H. Sedin 9 (D. Sedin, Edler) 18:52 (pp)  
**Penalty** — Gillies Min (hooking) 17:52.  
**Second Period**  
2. Vancouver, Kesler 8 (D. Sedin, H. Sedin) 10:28 (pp)  
3. Vancouver, Burrows 12 (D. Sedin, H. Sedin) 18:01  
**Penalties** — Powe Min (holding) 2:36, Kesler Vcr (tripping) 7:25, Heatley Min (high-sticking) 8:38.  
**Third Period**  
4. Vancouver, Hansen 11 (Hodgson, Malhotra) 16:34  
**Penalties** — Staubitz Min, Alberts Vcr (fighting) 5:32.  
**Shots**  
Minnesota 13 9 11 33  
Vancouver 11 11 11 33  
**Goal** — Minnesota: Backstrom (L,11-7-4); Vancouver: Luongo (W,13-6-2).  
**Power plays (goals-chances)** — Minnesota: 0-1; Vancouver: 2-3.  
**Referees** — Mike Hasenfratz, Marc Joannette.  
**Linesmen** — Mike Cvik, Vaughan Rody.  
**Attendance** — 18,860 at Vancouver.

HOCKEY

2012 WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

**All Times Eastern**  
**EXHIBITION SCHEDULE**  
**Last night's results**  
**At Red Deer, Alta.**  
U.S. vs. Russia  
**At Okotoks, Alta.**  
Czech Republic vs. Latvia  
**At Olds, Alta.**  
Sweden vs. Denmark  
**Monday's result**  
**At Calgary**  
**Canada 3** Finland 1  
**Tonight's games**  
**At Calgary**  
Slovakia vs. Finland, 9 p.m.  
**At Camrose, Alta.**  
U.S. vs. Switzerland, 9:30 p.m.  
**Tomorrow's games**  
**At Red Deer, Alta.**  
**Canada** vs. Switzerland, 9 p.m.  
**At Brooks, Alta.**  
Latvia vs. Denmark, 9 p.m.  
**At Lethbridge, Alta.**  
Russia vs. Czech Republic, 9 p.m.  
**Friday's games**  
**At Edmonton**  
**Canada** vs. Sweden, 9:30 p.m.  
**At Three Hills, Alta.**  
U.S. vs. Slovakia, 9 p.m.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

**Monday, Dec. 26**  
**At Edmonton**  
**Canada** vs. Finland, 3:30 p.m.  
U.S. vs. Denmark, 8 p.m.  
**At Calgary**  
Sweden vs. Latvia, 5:30 p.m.  
Russia vs. Switzerland, 10 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Dec. 27**  
**At Edmonton**  
Denmark vs. Czech Republic, 8 p.m.  
**At Calgary**  
Latvia vs. Slovakia, 10 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Dec. 28**  
**At Edmonton**  
Finland vs. U.S., 3:30 p.m.  
Czech Republic vs. **Canada**, 8 p.m.  
**At Calgary**  
Switzerland vs. Sweden, 5:30 p.m.  
Slovakia vs. Russia, 10 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NCAA BOWL GLANCE

**All Times Eastern**  
**(subject to change)**  
**Last night's result**  
**BEEF 'O'BRADY'S BOWL**  
**At St. Petersburg, Fla.**  
Marshall 20 FIU 10  
**Tonight's games**  
**POINSETTIA BOWL**  
**At San Diego**  
Texas Christian (10-2) vs. Louisiana Tech (8-4), 8 p.m.  
**Tomorrow's game**  
**MAACO BOWL**  
**At Las Vegas**  
Boise State (11-1) vs. Arizona State (6-6), 8 p.m.  
**Saturday's game**  
**HAWAII BOWL**  
**At Honolulu**  
Nevada (7-5) vs. Southern Mississippi (11-2), 8 p.m.

SOCCER

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

**Yesterday's results**  
Blackburn 1 Bolton 2  
Wolverhampton Wanderers 2 Norwich 2

SPAIN

COPA DEL REY

FOURTH ROUND — RETURN LEG

**Yesterday's results**  
Real Madrid 5 Ponferradina 1  
(Real Madrid advances 7-1 on aggregate)  
Sporting Gijon 0, Mallorca 2  
(Mallorca advances 2-1 on aggregate)  
Espanyol 4 Celta Vigo 2  
(Espanyol advances 4-2 on aggregate)  
Sevilla 2 San Roque 1  
(Sevilla advances 3-1 on aggregate)

GERMANY

GERMAN CUP

THIRD ROUND

**Yesterday's results**  
Bochum 1 Bayern Munich 2  
Nuremberg 0 Greuther Fuerth 1  
Hoffenheim 2 Augsburg 1  
Fortuna Dueseldorf 0 Borussia Dortmund 0  
(Dortmund wins 5-4 on penalty kicks)

ITALY

SERIE A

**Yesterday's results**  
Siena 0 Fiorentina 0  
Cagliari 0 AC Milan 2

FRANCE

LIGUE 1

**Yesterday's result**  
Nancy 1 Marseille 3

NBA

PRE-SEASON

**Last night's results**  
Philadelphia 101 Washington 94  
Detroit 90 Cleveland 89  
Chicago 93 Indiana 85  
Oklahoma City 87 Dallas 83  
Denver 127 Phoenix 110  
Golden State at Sacramento  
**Monday's results**  
Charlotte 79 Atlanta 77  
Portland 110 Utah 90  
L.A. Clippers 114 L.A. Lakers 95  
**Tonight's games**  
**All Times Eastern**  
Miami at Orlando, 7 p.m.  
Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.  
New Jersey at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
Memphis at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
Houston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.  
Portland at Utah, 9 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.  
**Tomorrow's games**  
Charlotte at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
Denver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST						Pct	PF	PA
	W	L	T					
y-New England	11	3	0			.786	437	297
N.Y. Jets	8	6	0			.571	346	315
Miami	5	9	0			.357	286	269
Buffalo	5	9	0			.357	311	371
SOUTH						Pct	PF	PA
	W	L	T					
y-Houston	10	4	0			.714	343	236
Tennessee	7	7	0			.500	279	278
Jacksonville	4	10	0			.286	207	293
Indianapolis	1	13	0			.071	211	395
NORTH						Pct	PF	PA
	W	L	T					
x-Baltimore	10	4	0			.714	334	236
x-Pittsburgh	10	4	0			.714	285	278
Cincinnati	8	6	0			.571	305	283
Cleveland	4	10	0			.286	195	274
WEST						Pct	PF	PA
	W	L	T					
Denver	8	6	0			.571	292	343
Oakland	7	7	0			.500	317	382
San Diego	7	7	0			.500	358	313
Kansas City	6	8	0			.429	192	319

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	8	6	0	.571	348	296
N.Y. Giants	7	7	0	.500	334	372
Philadelphia	6	8	0	.429	342	311
Washington	5	9	0	.357	252	300
SOUTH						
x-New Orleans	11	3	0	.786	457	306
Atlanta	9	5	0	.643	341	281
Carolina	5	9	0	.357	341	368
Tampa Bay	4	10	0	.286	247	401
NORTH						
y-Green Bay	13	1	0	.929	480	297
Detroit	9	5	0	.643	395	332
Chicago	7	7	0	.500	315	293
Minnesota	2	12	0	.143	294	406
WEST						
y-San Francisco	11	3	0	.786	327	185
Seattle	7	7	0	.500	284	273
Arizona	7	7	0	.500	273	305
St. Louis	2	12	0	.143	166	346
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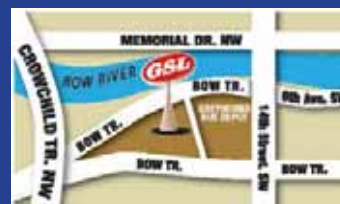
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## Cargo

The interior has been given the update treatment, providing a slightly enlarged passenger area but at the expense of slightly reduced cargo volume.

This time, though, maximizing the load floor is a snap with the new fold-down rear seat that operates by flipping a pair of levers located just inside the tailgate.

## Fuel consumption

Fuel consumption has improved to 9.0 l/100 km city and 6.4 highway for front-wheel-drive models (formerly 10.5/7.3). All-wheel-drive models are rated at 9.2 l/100 km city and 6.6 highway (previously 10.1/7.5).

The improvements are attributed to a new anti-friction coating for the pistons, a faster-activating on-demand AWD system as well as a revised five-speed automatic transmission.

## Engine, steering

Getting CR-V owners to work, the gym, or the daycare is a revised 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine that makes 185 horsepower and 163 pound-feet of torque, which is slightly more than the previous 2.4.

From observation, Honda engineers have largely succeeded at smoothing out the CR-V's ride and creating a quieter interior. On the down side, the newly installed "Motion-Adaptive" electric power-assisted steering (called EPAS) feels a bit numb, especially when driving straight down the highway.



# Resculpted not recreated



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Calling all cool moms; your new fourth-generation Honda CR-V chariot awaits.

Of course Honda's popular tall wagon isn't just for active women with toddlers in tow, but according to the automaker, the "cool moms" segment makes up, or significantly influences, the largest portion of CR-V buyers. They, along with others seeking a roomy ride with all-weather, all-road capability, will appreciate the vehicle's car-like behaviour and economical operation.

CR-V devotees will not easily spot the latest version of Honda's compact

"cute ute" since it closely mirrors the outgoing version in all key exterior dimensions. What's more, the general shape remains only moderately tinkered-with, including updated nose and tail section plus a more dramatically shaped rear roof pillar that introduces a bit more drama to the vehicle's styling. Honda claims that the new CR-V's shape, along with modifications to the undercarriage to increase air flow, has reduced fuel-robbing aerodynamic drag by eight per cent.

Honda seems content with not rocking the boat with its latest CR-V, perhaps sensing that the time isn't quite right to introduce a totally clean-sheet design. The cool-mom crowd would likely agree.



## Honda CR-V



What you should know about the 2012 Honda CR-V:

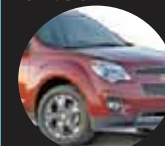
- **Types:** Four-door, front-/all-wheel-drive five-passenger tall wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (185).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed automatic.
- **Market position:** Modestly sized wagons, including the segment-dominant CR-V, are hot sellers and provide less costly and more fuel-efficient alternatives to traditional truck-based sport utes.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 9.0/6.4 (FWD).

# 5 drive

## By comparison

### Chevrolet Equinox

Base price: \$27,800  
Stylish, roomy wagon specializes in a quiet ride and impressive fuel numbers.



### Nissan Rogue

Base price: \$25,400  
Looks like a smaller version of Nissan's Murano, which is a bonus.



### Hyundai Santa Fe

Base price: \$25,800  
Conservative looks, but a solidly built standout with optional V-6 power.



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# CAR JOURNEYS PART OF THE HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE

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It's perfectly fine that the vehicle's main role during the holidays is helping us get to where we want to be, like with our families, or extremely far away from our families where there is also a good beach.

We don't need to start stringing lights on every Ford Taurus, or going with eggnog-flavoured 5W30 engine oil over the holidays.

That would be forcing it if you ask me — like attaching fake antlers to a cat.

Like everybody, my most vivid memories of driving to a family Christmas event occurred when I was a kid, when Christmas was feverishly crucial.

Unfortunately the drives that stick out the most were the long ones to my uncle's farm up north.

Back then I routinely got car sick, so I remember a few times standing beside the car in the snow on some back road, in full puke mode. Hey, not every memory has to be a stupen-



► Chances are your vehicle will be involved in some sort of memory you create during the holidays.

dously good one. The important thing is that they're memorable enough to lodge in your memory for the long haul.

Christmas Eve 17 years ago, when our daughter was just a year old, we stayed overnight at my mother's home, the ancestral bungalow in the suburbs. As usual, the kid refused to go to sleep at the appointed time — a habit she manages to maintain to this day. When she was

**Not every memory has to be a stupendously good one. The important thing is that they're memorable enough to lodge in your memory for the long haul.**

still screaming well past midnight, I did what all fathers do under such circumstances — buckled her into the car seat, and drove around aimlessly until she

fell asleep.

Driving around my old hometown, in the dead quiet of Christmas night, decorations and lights everywhere, daughter in

the back slowly falling asleep, well ... it wasn't the worst half hour I ever spent behind the wheel.

These days we have to make a relatively short run on Christmas Eve, about an hour door to door.

Simple, right? And with no chance of vomit?

Well, thankfully nausea is no longer in the picture, but things are far from simple. Trying not to forget and pack every present, trying to leave on time with

four people with four different agendas, and trying to properly secure a broccoli casserole and Greek salad somewhere in the cargo area, is exhaustive and tricky stuff.

But that's precisely why there is such euphoria when we're finally on our way. Nothing left to do but enjoy the ride, hope there is no Feta cheese disaster in the trunk, and look forward to the festivities that will soon unfold.

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Sure, it's a cheap Korean knock-off luxury car, but in a good way.

Hyundai created a luxurious atmosphere, installed plenty of hardware and priced the entire thing for the relative masses.

2001-2005 Hyundai XG350



### Engine

Look for a 3.5-litre V-6 engine, automatic transmission and front-wheel drive in all models — other than the 2001.

For that year, the car was called the XG300, due to its smaller 3-litre, 190-horsepower V-6.



### What owners like

Owners like the XG's ride, interior styling, comfort levels and generous equipment list. Few reported issues with interior roominess or trunk space. Styling was also typically rated highly.



### What owners dislike

Common complaints include road noise, a dim instrument panel and sub-par audio components.

Fuel mileage is also rated somewhat poorly.



### Common issues

Several owners report niggling electronic and sensor-related issues, so ensure all accessories function as expected and look for any "Check Engine" or "Airbag/SRS" lights in the instrument cluster.

Note the engine's performance, particularly when accelerating from a stop. Some owners report inconsistent responses from the throttle, ranging from "lurching" off the line to a lack of power. This may be accompanied by trouble codes or a check-engine light.

### Verdict

The main draw to the XG350 as a used car should be its price. Have the vehicle inspected by a Hyundai mechanic and spend a bit of the cost savings on the extended warranty, if available.



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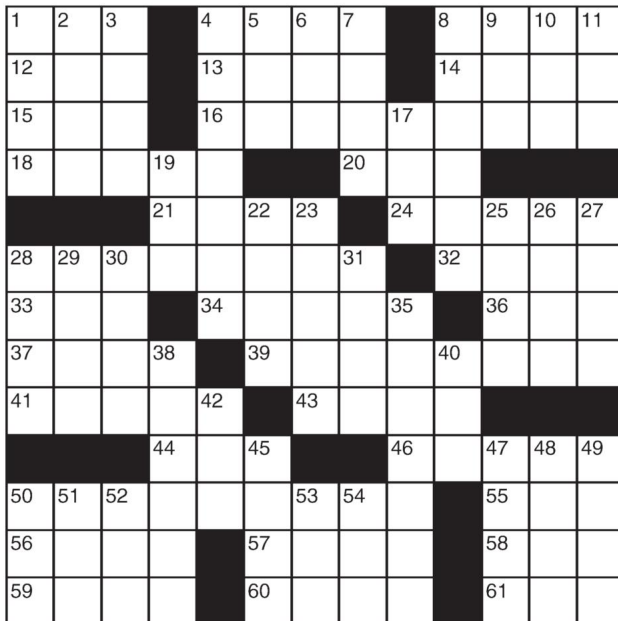
## Crossword

### Across

- 1 Foul  
4 Supporters  
8 Easter entrees  
12 Actress Gardner  
13 Somewhat  
14 Shrek, e.g.  
15 Trawler need  
16 Jail  
18 18th president  
20 Obtained  
21 Verdi opera  
24 Intrinsically  
28 Arab's hooded cloak  
32 Clarinet insert  
33 Anger  
34 — Dame  
36 Mr. Hammarskjöld  
37 Culture medium  
39 Rikki-Tikki-Tavi is one  
41 Old photograph hue  
43 Rules, for short  
44 Have  
46 Cowboy's greeting  
50 1984 movie re-made in 2011  
55 Fish eggs  
56 Inlet  
57 Met melody  
58 The whole enchilada  
59 Burn some  
60 Drove  
61 Energy

### Down

- 1 Gunshot sound  
2 State with certainty  
3 Information  
4 Clique  
5 Lawyers' org.



- 6 Zero  
7 Sans escort  
8 Owl, at times  
9 Past  
10 " — Doubtfire"  
11 Catch a glimpse of  
17 Jazz style  
19 A Bobbey twin  
22 Dire prophecy  
23 Titanic VIP  
25 Start over  
26 Red and Black  
27 Lip  
28 Diagonal  
29 Press on  
30 Harvest

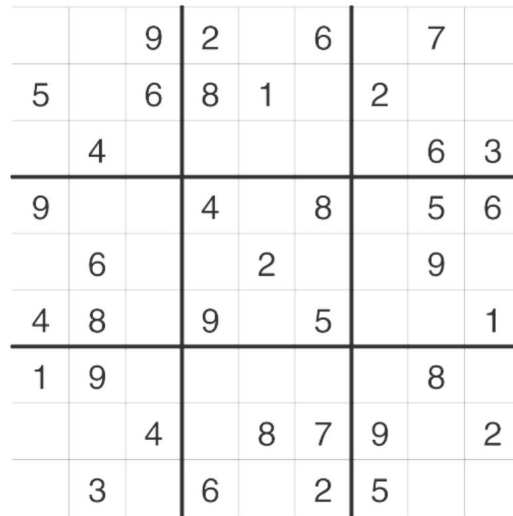
- 31 Coastal flier  
35 Highbrow  
38 Hooligan  
40 Bear, in Barcelona  
42 Piercing tool  
45 Biblical boatwright  
47 Finish a film shoot  
48 Clinton's 1996 opponent  
49 Shriek bark  
50 Media watchdog org.  
51 Reaction to fireworks  
52 Eggs in a lab  
53 Raw rock

- 54 Round Table address

### Yesterday's answer



## Sudoku



## How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

### Yesterday's answer

3	7	2	5	4	1	8	6	9
1	8	6	2	7	9	5	3	4
4	5	9	6	3	8	7	1	2
8	3	7	9	5	2	6	4	1
2	9	1	4	8	6	3	7	5
5	6	4	3	1	7	2	9	8
9	4	8	7	6	5	1	2	3
6	1	3	8	2	4	9	5	7
7	2	5	1	9	3	4	8	6

## A look at the weather

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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## Today's horoscope

**♈ Aries March 21-April 20** It may seem as if things are going wrong and there is little you can do about it, but it's all part of a wider plan.

**♉ Taurus April 21-May 21** If you have a well defined goal and a sensible plan, you really cannot lose.

**♊ Gemini May 22-June 21** You need to talk over your problems with someone you know will lend a sympathetic ear.

**♋ Cancer June 22-July 22** Is that the real you the world can see? Or is it one of your masks? If it's the latter don't forget that you are playing a role.

**♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23** Look for ways to co-operate with those you work and do business with. You have wasted far too much time trying to outdo each other.

**♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22** You have become a bit too set in your ways of late and what happens today will bring that fact home.

**♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23** Concentrate on the things that matter and don't waste time on each and every passing distraction.

**♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22** You may feel out of touch with the spirit of the times, but is that bad?

**♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21** After all the exertions of recent weeks, you are entitled to a little down time. Let life come to you.

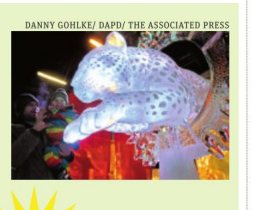
**♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20** What you own and what you earn may be important to you but don't worry yourself sick about it.

**♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18** If you have a good idea — and chances are you have a brilliant one — get started on it now.

**♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20.** Don't take colleagues' negative remarks to heart because they don't mean them. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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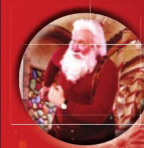
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